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# Let’s be responsible for our young ladies

by Staff Sgt. Michelle C. Smith  
Community Relations Cheif

I’m soliciting help from Iwakuni’s moms and dads. Many of us have a false sense of security. Although we are nestled away in the safe haven of a Marine Corps air station, we are still surrounded by many of the same types of people that small-town USA hails. So please, let us not be fooled.

Many of us parents are depending on the various commands here to protect our young women. That is not the mission of the service members here.

If we were back in small-town USA and our young daughters started dating someone we didn’t particularly care for, our only option would be to go to his mom or dad who may or may not do anything.

Here we have a more effective option. In that same situation, we could go to the young Marine’s command, which will undoubtedly cause something to be done.

How fair this is, isn’t for me to say, what I am saying is all involved parties need to be held responsible.

If there are any doubts of who the involved parties are, I’ll tell you.

Mom and Dad: It is our responsibility to know where our young daughters are.

Too many times I have escorted young ladies out of the club — on and off base — young ladies who I know are too young to be there in the first place and those who undoubtedly told their mom and dad they were going and doing something else. Some of these same young ladies are out in town buying alcohol. Why and how is that?

I’m not telling you what I heard, I’m telling you what I know.

Young Marines: Messing with these young ladies can be career ending. First, if they look too young, they probably are, and second, be like the guy from Missouri — the “show me” state. Make them prove that they are the age they say they are.

Young ladies: You are young only once. Stay in your

place and do those things that are conducive to your age. Many things that come with innocence and youth cannot be replaced once given away.

The “command” here has in place solutions for our service members going out in town and acting foolish. Parents, we should consider the same action. Maybe we need to go out in town and to the club from time-to-time to ensure that our young daughters aren’t out where they shouldn’t be.

These young ladies belong to us, and their future is our responsibility. So let’s not sit back in our houses, watching AFN through rose-colored glasses.

It’s happening, let’s take some action. I’m game, are you?



**Our Cover**

**Lance Cpl. Kyle Williams, MALS-12 Power Plant mechanic, walks across the Kintai Bridge during the celebration. See Page 10 for more on the festival. (photo by Cpl. Michael Wiener)**

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## News Briefs

**Power Outages**  
A power outage is scheduled for Northside, May 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. High voltage feeders will be installed for Torii Pine Community Center.

A base-wide power outage is also scheduled for June 3 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Commissary Closure**  
The Commissary will be closed June 3 due to the base-wide power outage. Business will resume June 4.

**Air Conditioning**  
Air conditioning will be turned on when the outside temperature reaches a high of at least 78 degrees for three consecutive days.

Central heating for family housing, barracks and office areas has been turned off for the season. For more information call Utilities Division 253-4556.

**Snack Bar Closure**  
The air terminal snack bar will be closed until May 30 for renovations.

**Action Line**  
The Commanding Officer’s Action Line can be used to report concerns or problems that may need command attention. Callers can communicate a problem or report a violation directly to the command when it’s felt the established forums are not working. The Action Line number is 253-3100.

**Improper Wheeling**  
Station residents are reminded that skate boarding and in-line skating in shopping areas and off-station places of business are neither appropriate nor advised.

## Exchange renovations continue

by Sgt. Raymie G. Cruz  
Torii Teller Staff

Once again the Marine Corps exchange here has relocated more facilities for the fourth phase of renovation to heating and air ducts.

The Hallmark store has been moved into the main store area with a limited selection, and the Tailor Shop has also returned to the Main Exchange.

The Beauty Salon has been moved to the Southside Barber Shop quarters, Customer Service will handle Tele-flora orders and the Cash Cage, Special Order and administrative offices have been moved to the Exchange Annex until the remodeling is complete.

Also the Southside Seven Day store will be closed until after June 16. Due to the Seven Day store being closed, school lunch tickets will be sold in the M.C. Perry School’s cafeteria through the end of the school year.

“It was a very large-scale project that needed to be done for employee and customer comfort,” said Jenna West, Marine Corps Community Services marketing office manager. “During the summertime, the sky-lights cause a lot of heat to build up

in the exchange. Being able to control the temperature in the Seven Day store will also increase the shelf life of the food items that may go bad in the heat.”

According to West, the exchange would have been closed for about three months if the cooling and heating work was done all at once, but MCCS didn’t want to leave station residents without exchange shopping areas.

“We did it in stages so it would be the least disruptive to the customers,” she said.

The final phase of the process will begin June 26 and is expected to be complete Sept. 15. The last phase will include more moving, as Torii Tunes and the shoe department will relocate temporarily to the first floor.

When the renovations are complete, the exchange will have a new floor plan, light fixtures and each department will be able to control the temperature of its shop, according to Karen Curry, visual merchandise manager.

“We appreciate the patience of our customers during the renovation period, and we’re confident that the improvements will benefit the community,” Curry said.

## May honors Asian Pacific Heritage

by Lance Cpl. Ryan O'Hare  
Torii Teller Staff

The 21st annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is being celebrated here throughout May.

This year’s theme, “Voices for the Millenium,” acknowledges the invaluable contributions of Asian Pacific Americans to the development of the United States.

According to Master Sgt. Michael McNeal, station equal opportunity advisor, Asian Americans have contributed immensely to the development of America. The diverse qualities of culture, language and

history, have contributed greatly to the American way of life.

“I think it’s very important for us to celebrate this month because it allows us to honor the contributions that Asian Americans gave to our country,” McNeal said.

Throughout May various activities will take place here to commemorate Asian Pacific American Heritage.

“M.C. Perry Elementary School will hold a poster contest. The first place winner of the art contest will receive a \$25 cash prize,” McNeal said.



# D.A.R.E. teaches children to avoid drugs, violence

by Lance Cpl. Ryan O’Hare  
Torii Teller Staff

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is teaching air station children to “say no” to drugs and violence.

According to Staff Sgt. Terry Young, crime prevention specialist, although drugs are not as common here as they are in the United States, children still must be educated about them.

The D.A.R.E. program here is a 17-week course and teaches children how to recognize and resist the pressures that may influence them to experiment with drugs. They also learn that violence is not the answer to solve problems.

The program is located at M.C. Perry Elementary School. Classes are given to children in kindergarten through sixth-grade once a week by certified D.A.R.E. instructors.

Students receive workbooks filled

with activities and motivational characters encouraging them to make the right choices and how to avoid bad situations.

“We encourage the children to take their workbooks home and go over the assignments with their parents. It’s more effective if they get the same encouragement at home that they receive in class,” Young said. “Parents play a big part in these children’s education. No matter what we teach them at school, if it is not reiterated at home, it makes our job very difficult.”

The D.A.R.E. program also teaches children to work together as a team. Many of the assignments involve group activities.

“When the students complete various assignments, we like to award them prizes. It keeps the class more fun,” Young said.

In order for the children to receive a graduation certificate, they are

required to complete the D.A.R.E. workbook, have good attendance, write an essay and help with a school project. The children also participate in skits touching on the various subjects they have learned throughout the program.

According to Young, instructors attend a two-week training course in Okinawa, receiving over eighty hours of instruction from the Los Angeles Police Department to receive their certification.

Although drugs are not a big problem on the station, D.A.R.E. program equips children here, and around the world, with the skills and confidence to lead productive drug free lives.



# Customs helps outbound service members

by Lance Cpl. Ryan O’Hare  
Torii Teller Staff

Before Marines or Sailors are ready to leave Iwakuni, they can expect a visit from military customs officials.

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Customs assists Status of Forces Agreement personnel with all Traffic Management Office packouts.

The purpose of the visit is to make sure station residents don’t pack up something that isn’t allowed to be exported, according to Lance Cpl. Paul Brennan, military customs inspector.

“We’re like the middle men. We go in there and explain to them what they can and can’t have, so they won’t get in trouble,” Brennan said. “Many of them are unaware that some of their possessions cannot be exported.”

Some articles which are prohibited for export include alcohol, pornography, weapons and agricultural products.

**“They’ve got to understand, what we take away from them could cause them major problems later on.”**  
**Master Sgt. Richard Holman**

According to Master Sgt. Richard Holman, military customs supervisor, once customs inspectors enter the room, an amnesty period is given to the Marine or Sailor. This amnesty period is the time for them to come clean with anything they might have which is prohibited for export.

Since no crime has been committed, no penalties can be assessed during the amnesty period.

Once they have given up any prohibited items or declared they have none, the customs inspectors do a search of the room.

“We’re here to protect them,” Holman said. “They’ve got to understand, what we take away from them could cause them major problems later on.”

Because Customs takes the time to do inspections before Marines and Sailors leave Iwakuni, it speeds up the arrival process once they arrive at their next destination.

“We’re just Marines looking out for our fellow service members,” Brennan said.

# MV-22 accident investigators focus on loss of lift

## Marines announce phased “return to flight” plan for Ospreys

by Capt. Aisha Bakkar-Poe  
HQMC, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Marine Corps officials said Tuesday that a phenomenon known as “power settling” is now the focus of their investigation into the crash of an MV-22 Osprey aircraft that killed 19 Marines April 8, in Marana, Ariz.

As part of a regularly scheduled Defense Department news briefing, Marine Deputy Commandant for Aviation Lt. Gen. Fred McCorkle outlined what officials have learned since the accident. The general also announced a phased plan to resume flights of the MV-22 Osprey.

Following the accident, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James L. Jones ordered an operational pause of all MV-22 flight operations to allow investigators to analyze information provided by an onboard data recorder and to provide insight as to the cause of the accident.

Analyses of the data retrieved from the data recorder, called a Crash Survivable Memory Unit, along with extensive engineering investiga-

tions have confirmed that all aircraft systems and software were operating properly at the time of the accident.

The data shows that in the last seconds of its flight, the mishap aircraft was in a high rate of descent at a relatively low forward airspeed. These characteristics can lead to a condition known as power settling (or vortex ring state) which can result in a loss of lift on the rotor system. Power settling is a phenomenon common to helicopter flight.

Officials continue to look at other possible causes such as settling with power and the effects of operating two aircraft in close proximity to each other in flight.

A thorough review by the Naval Air Systems Command, the Naval Safety Center and the Deputy Commandant for Aviation has found no structural or design flaws that preclude safe flight operations and the Marine Corps maintains complete faith in the safety of the V-22 aircraft.

As a result, Gen. Jones has lifted the temporary operational pause for

instrumented models of the Osprey, known as Engineering, Manufacturing and Development aircraft, in the first of three phases in the resumption of flight of the MV-22. Developmental test pilots will continue to simulate and analyze possible causes of the accident.

Following continued analysis of flight operations and insights gained from further findings of the investigation, the Marine Corps will conduct a phased approach in its return of production MV-22s to flight status, initially with essential aircrew only, and eventually with passengers.

The MV-22 has safely flown more than 40 troop-lift missions and has carried more than 700 troops during operational evaluation flights.

To personally demonstrate his confidence in the MV-22, Gen. Jones plans to be aboard the first aircraft carrying passengers.

Marine Corps officials stressed the importance of informing the public about both the decision to resume flights and their commitment to the MV-22 Osprey aircraft.

They maintain the Osprey is clearly a much better, much safer, and much more capable aircraft than the Vietnam-era CH-46 and CH-53D helicopters that it will replace.

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The station library is also holding a child trivia contest. Children are asked questions concerning prominent Asian Americans and the contributions they have made to the United States.

“The contest is for all school-age children,” said Kathleen O’Conner, library supervisor. “It gives them an

awareness of Asian Americans and their impact on the United States.”

The messhalls will host an Asian American Heritage Month lunch Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Ethnic heritage months are a time for people of all ages to recognize the importance that other cultures have on their own lives and the lives of the people around them," said McNeal.

# Start your engines

by Cpl. Michael Wiener  
Torii Teller Staff

Today's sports cars are pulled around by more than 300 horses — a considerable amount of power for a car.

However, Marines and Sailors at the test cells have 76,000 horsepower at their fingertips daily, the equivalent of about 250 high performance sport cars.

Engines must be tested before being installed in an aircraft, according to Gunnery Sgt. Craig Elliott, test cell noncommissioned officer-in-charge, MALS-12. The jet engine test cell operators here do just that.

"After the engines have been rebuilt by Power Plants Section, MALS-12, we verify that they're safe and ready for installation and use in the aircraft," Elliott said. "We simulate everything the engines will do in the aircraft in the test cell."

The Marines test for three aircraft engines— the F/A-18 Hornet, EA-6B Prowler and AV-8B Harrier. Testing an engine generally lasts two hours and simulates varying air pressure and climate conditions.

"We make sure that the engine operates at peak performance," Elliott said. "If we find a problem, the repairs can be taken care of right here in the cell. Power Plant Marines come out, and it's a pretty quick evolution. Very seldom do we have to send an engine back to Power Plants."

Located near Gate 4A, the two test cells average five engines each week. When the engines are burning at maximum power inside the cell, all that can be heard outside is air "whooshing."

"The augment tube sits behind the engine, and there are acoustic panels with insulation behind it," said Sgt. Ken Miller, jet engine test cell operator. "Basically, the noise gets sucked into the insulation rather than going outside the cell."

Inside the cell, however,

two forms of hearing protection are required — foam ear plugs and either cranials or ear muffs.

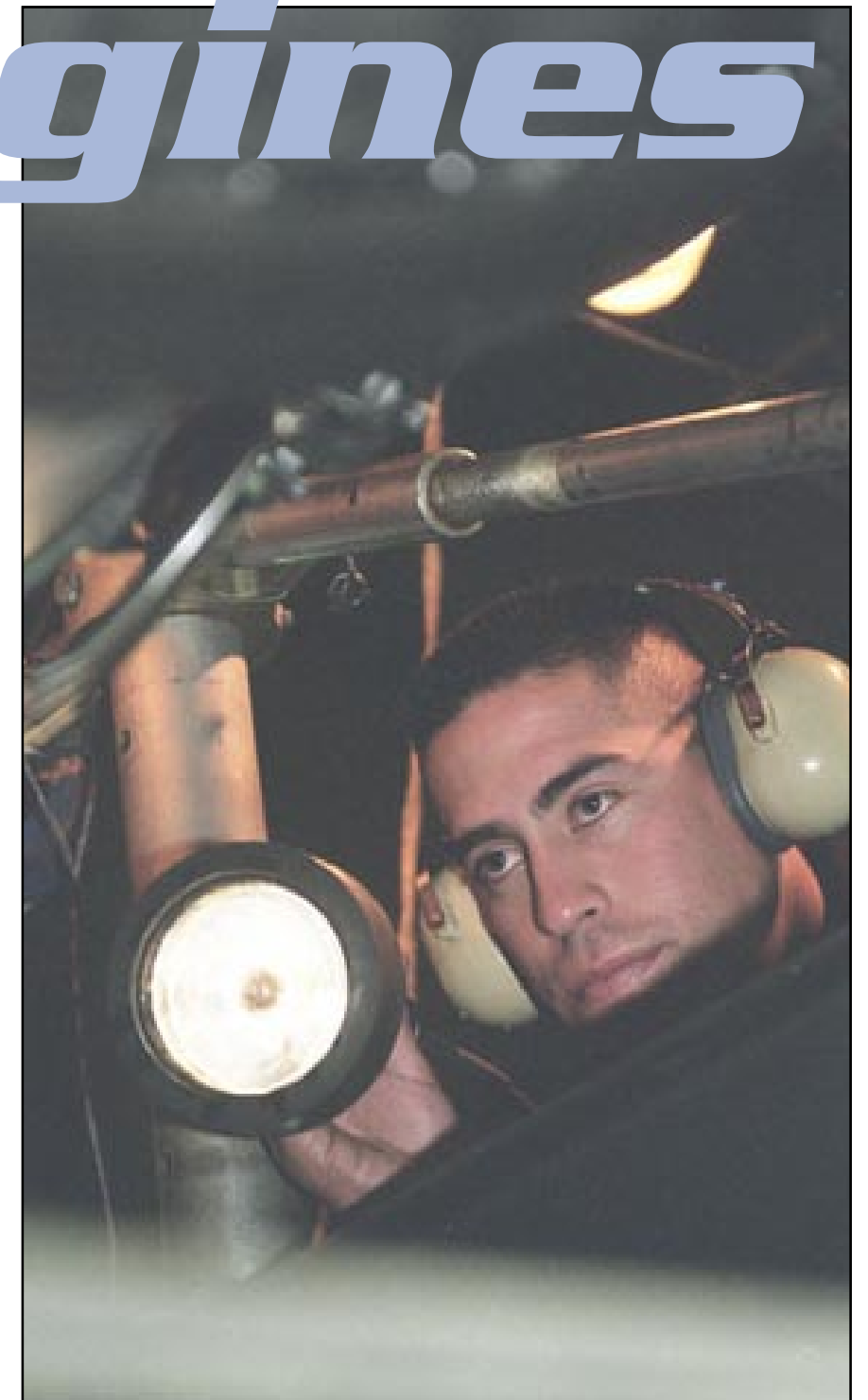
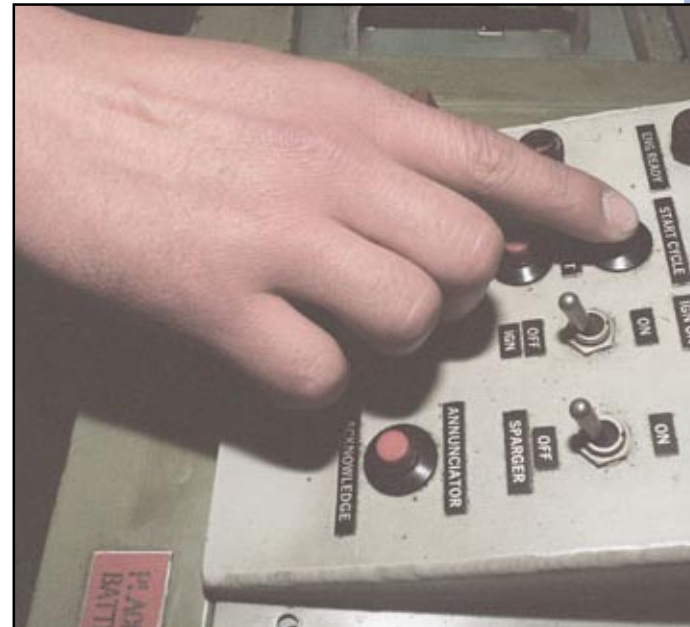
"Without hearing protection, you'd go irrefutably deaf in 30 seconds," Elliott said.

The pilots who use the tested engines rarely meet the test cell Marines, but the significance of their job is not overlooked, according to Capt. Jeff "Kiwi" Staman, VMFA-212 pilot.

"The work they do over there, be it repair or preventive maintenance is critical. They provide us with good engines," he said. "I expect my engines to work when I'm flying."

During the tests, the engines can burn up to 12,000 pounds or more than 2,000 gallons of JP5 jet fuel each hour, which may be better than burning unleaded gasoline in today's top sports cars.

"There's no other feeling in the world like having all that power at my fingertips," Miller said.



photos by Cpl. Michael Wiener

**TOP LEFT:** Engines are tested using a control panel located in a separate room of the test cell. Different climates, air pressures and engine performance are controlled by the touch of a button.

**ABOVE:** Lance Cpl. Ivan Belloso, jet engine test cell operator, performs an inspection prior to testing one of the engines.

**LEFT:** Petty Officer 1st class Ronald Fuster, aviation machinist mate, checks for leaks and other malfunctions while the engine runs at full throttle.



# Seat Shop ensures safety



photos by Cpl. Matthew Shaw

**Lance Cpl. Nathaniel Griscom, ejection seat mechanic, changes explosives used by the ejection seat.**



**Griscom tightens the ejection handle straps. The straps secure a pilot to his seat once the ejection handle has been pulled.**

**by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson  
Torii Teller Staff**

The Seat Shop Marines of VMFA-212 maintain, inspect and repair one system on the F/A-18 Hornet that one hopes never has to be used — the ejection seat.

Seven Marines divided into a day and night crew ensure ejection seats work properly, according to Cpl. Bridget Hadden, VMFA-212 seat mechanic.

“On a daily basis, we have to inspect the seats and make sure the jet has liquid oxygen for the pilots to breathe,” Hadden said.

When a pilot goes to his aircraft, Seat Shop Marines assist him with any problems he may have with the oxygen mask or seat. The entire seat is removed every 448 days, regardless of whether it has malfunctioned or not.

To pull the entire seat out requires a team of three seat mechanics — a safety observer, tool man and a maintenance worker.

“The seat is disassembled and each part is inspected. Any corrosion on the metal is removed, and all the parts are repainted. The explosive charges used to propel the seat are inspected and replaced as needed,” Hadden said.

According to Hadden, ejection seats use a series of explosive charges rather than one uncontrolled blast through the top of the aircraft.

“When the pilot pulls the ejection handle, two rocket motors blow the canopy off the aircraft.

Straps holding the pilot tighten and secure him to the seat. Then charges go off, pushing the pilot out and away from the aircraft,” Hadden said. “The series of functions react like a domino effect.”

Of all the systems on the aircraft, the ejection seat is used least but is most important to a pilot if something goes wrong.

In January 1999, the work of the Marines was tested when Capt. Kevin Paetzold, VMFA-212 pilot ejected.

“Their job is one of those where the work can’t really be tested,” said Paetzold. “Everything worked as advertised. I had no doubt that I was going to get out of the jet safely,” said Paetzold. “I think they do an outstanding job.”

“Should a pilot’s aircraft fail for whatever reason, it’s our job to ensure necessary seat maintenance is done so lives can be saved,” Hadden said.

# Spouses experience Corps for a day

**by Lance Cpl. Ryan O’Hare  
Torii Teller Staff**

Spouses of MWSS-171 Marines were given the opportunity to get a first-hand look at the many military jobs and capabilities Marines possess on “Warrior Day,” April 28.

“Warrior Day” activities included a working dog demonstration, bomb disposal robot show, tour of the explosives museum and static display of weapons.

“‘Warrior Day’ was a lot of fun,” said Staff Sgt. Brad Reilly, MWSS-171 plans chief. “It’s a chance for spouses to get out and actually experience some of the things Marines are trained to do.”

Warrior Day also gave the spouses a chance to rappel off a 35-foot tower.

Reilly gave the spouses proper instructions on how to use the gear and proper procedures before they climbed to the top of the training tower.

Once on top, the spouses were given additional training on the proper technique to descend the plywood wall.

Although the spouses were reassured that everything would be alright, their reluctance to hang over the edge was apparent. Fear was eventually conquered, and all made the vertical descent, one-foot at a time.

A few did end upside down their first try but eagerly ran back up for a second chance.

“Rappelling was great. It was such a rush. I was nervous after seeing some of the other women go, but I had to do it,” said Shirley Dillon, wife of Sgt. Ben Dillon. “My heart was pounding because I’m a little bit afraid of heights. It doesn’t look that high until you’re up there looking down.”

Although the “one-day warriors” didn’t cammie up or



train in the field, they did get the opportunity to taste Marine gourmet field chow.

“They’re not too bad,” said Lainie Tillman, wife of Maj. Hugh Tillman as she ate an MRE. “They have everything in here. I don’t know if I would want to eat one every day, though.”

The variety of activities Warrior Day offered gave the spouses a better understanding of how their Marines accomplish a mission.

“It was a great day and I had fun,” Tillman said. “I certainly have a better understanding of what Marines go through and endure. It was definitely a day to remember.”



photos by Lance Cpl. Ryan O’Hare

**ABOVE: One foot at a time, Tasi Jones slowly makes her descent from the 35-foot tower.**

**LEFT: Staff Sgt. Brad Reilly, MWSS 171 plans chief, gives rappel instructions to spouses during “Warrior Day.”**



# Air station residents take part in parade

by Cpl. Michael Wiener  
Torii Teller Staff

Eighteen station residents donned traditional Japanese clothing and joined hundreds of Japanese in Iwakuni's annual Kintai Festival April 29.

The main activity of the festival was a parade, which re-enacts a historical procession to Tokyo.

"Wearing the costumes, going over the parade route and seeing the reaction on the faces of the Japanese was all very interesting," said Sgt. James Hamm, who portrayed a fuedal lord in the procession.

The procession began on the east side of the Nishiki River, crossed the Kintai Bridge and ended at Kikko park.

"The Japanese were very friendly and made us feel welcome taking part in their ceremony," said Airman Xai Xiong, who lead the "young warriors." "During the parade, everyone was clapping and taking pictures – it was a lot of fun."

Americans and Japanese alike wandered the park looking at crafts, eating and enjoying the afternoon.

"I loved it," said Charlene Waverick, who portrayed a lady's maid. "Seeing all the people and being able to dress up was great. I definitely want to do it again next year."



photos by Cpl. Michael Wiener

Lance Cpl. Kyle Williams, MALS-12 Power Plant mechanic, dresses as a care taking officer during the celebration..



Parade participants carry a "Mantou," a traditional cherry blossom decoration used in old time festivals.



A Japanese boy in the parade waits his turn to cross the Kintai Bridge.

## Sports Briefs

### Group Golf

Registration is open for group golf lessons held throughout the summer at Torii Pines Golf Course. Lessons are free to personnel E-5 and below. For more information call 253-3402.

### Triathlon Swim Clinic

A triathalon swim clinic is offered May 30-31, 11 a.m.- noon in the Indoor Pool. For more information call 253-5520.

### Summer Basketball

Summer basketball season opens June 5. Coaches meet May 30, 10 a.m. in the Main Gym. Play is open to SOFA-status personnel and their family members age 16 and older.

### Women's Shooting Class

Outdoor Recreation will hold a course to familiarize women age 16 and older with gun safety and shooting techniques May 28 at noon. For more information call 253-3822.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to supervise youth sports activities, including this summer's golf camp. For more information call 253-3239.

### Dance Lessons

Ballroom dance lessons, including mambo, rumba, and other American, Latin and Spanish dances, begin tonight at the Main Gym. Swing dancing lessons, including the Lindy, begin June 7. There is a fee. For more information call 253-6359.

### Pools Open

Outdoor pools (Main, Club Iwakuni, and Northside) open May 27. A "Concrete Beach Party" opens the season at the Main Outdoor Pool, May 27, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and the event is free.

### All Marine Women's Softball

Athletics accepts resumes until Monday for All-Marine Women's Softball trial camp July 9-29. The Armed Forces camp is July 30 through Aug. 5. For more information call Anna at 253-4605.

### Tsunami Swim Team

Iwakuni Tsunami Youth Swim Team practices have begun. They are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5-6:30 p.m. at the Main Gym Indoor Pool and the South Side Outdoor Pool. The team's open to children ages 8-18. For more information call 253-6002.

## The Scoreboard

### Softball May 12

Dragons 20  
Samurai 10

Hit Squad 18  
Rooftop Warriors 17

Partners in Crime 17  
MALS-12 7

MAG-12 17  
Dragons 2

Chain Gang 13  
171 Misfits 7

MAG-12 11  
Partners in Crime 6

### Softball May 15

SNAFU 23  
MALS-12 2

Bad News Bears 16  
MALS-12 5

Bad News Bears 18  
Dragons 8

Dragons 1  
SAR Phrogs 0

Hit Squad 20  
Partners in Crime 14

photo by Cpl. Matthew Shaw



# Gunning down the enemy

by Cpl. Matthew Shaw  
Torii Teller Staff

Splat! Thump, thump, splat. If that’s the sound you’re hearing while kneeling behind a wooden bunker near the Boars Head Lodge, you’d better keep your head down.

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni’s new paintball course is open.

“It’s still in a developmental stage, but right now it’s a great speed-ball course,” said Lance Cpl. Daniel Berrios, air traffic controller and

paintball enthusiast.

Right now, the course is roughly 50 yards by 30 yards and consists of approximately 30 barriers. However, there are plans for MWSS-171 combat engineers to begin work on new barriers, according to Sgt. Rodney Owens, paintaball range coordinator.

“There are no real hiding spots. It’s like, ‘can I shoot you before you shoot me?’” said Owens. “You’ve got to get out and take a chance.”

Iwakuni’s paintball course isn’t very different from those in the

United States.

“It’s pretty much the basic setup,” Owens said. “This style is common on the West Coast with pallets, sand-bags, and spools.”

Thirty full sets of paintball gear, including pump markers

(paintball guns), masks, pods (paintball containers) and 200 paintballs are available at the course.

“Pumps are awesome beginners’ weapons. It develops skill because you can’t shoot as much paint,” Owens said. “It makes you choose your shots more carefully.”

In order to shoot with a “pump” marker, the player has to load paintballs into the chamber by “pumping” the gun.

According to Owens, the course may be getting 50 new, and better, sets of gear. The new markers will be semi-automatic, an easier marker to play with.

Players who have their own gear can store it securely at the course.

Iwakuni paintball is just getting started, so Owens encourages players to make suggestions for improvements in the equipment and field.

“I want people to come out here and have fun playing paint ball,” Owens said. “Sometimes when I’m referee I think, ‘man, I wish I could get out and play.’”

To get covered in paint, you can call Outdoor Recreation to reserve a time to play. The course is open to everyone 13 years or older. It is open Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Reservations for private groups, during the week, can also be made.

The cost to play on the course for a day is \$15, and that includes all the equipment necessary to play, and 200 paint rounds.

“There is a bond between paintballers,” Owens said. “They all have a common goal — to not get hit.”

**TOP: A paintball player fills his “hopper” with paintball rounds.**  
**BOTTOM: Paintballers engage in a fierce volley of paint from behind a wooden fortification.**



photos by Cpl. Matthew Shaw

<b>Friday</b>		7:00 The Word in the World		10:00 Bear in the Big Blue House		8:30 Showbiz Today	
9:00	Sesame Street	7:30	Keep the Faith	10:30	Co-Ed Training	9:00	Sesame Street
10:00	Blues Clues	8:00	Dragon Tales (TV-Y)	11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	10:00	Bear in the Big Blue House
10:30	Kiana's Flex Appeal	8:30	Wishbone	12:00	NBC Nightly News	10:30	Co-ed Training
11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	9:00	Wonderful World/Disney	12:30	Wheel of Fortune	11:00	The Opra Winfrey Show (TV-14)
12:00	NBC Nightly News		Angels in the End Zone (TV-G)	1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	12:00	NBC Nightly News
12:30	Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)	11:00	Wild Things (TV-PG)	1:30	Guiding Light (TV-14)	12:30	Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	12:00	Headline News	2:00	General Hospital (TV-14)	1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)
1:25	Guiding Light (TV-14)	12:30	Air Force TV News	3:00	Batman Beyond (TV-Y7)	1:30	Guiding Light (TV-14)
2:00	General Hospital (TV-14)	1:00	MLB (FSN)	3:30	Student Bodies	2:00	General Hospital (TV-14)
3:00	Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries	4:00	Xena: Warrior Princess (TV-PG)	4:00	Nick News	3:00	Animaniacs
3:30	Angela Anaconda (TV-Y)	5:00	Computer Chronicles	4:30	Scholastic SportsAmerica (TV-G)	3:30	Superman (TV-Y7)
4:00	Sister, Sister	5:30	Wall Street Journal Report	5:00	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	4:00	Men in Black (TV-Y7)
4:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (TV-G)	6:00	Headline News	5:30	Headline News	4:30	Boy Meets World (TV-PG)
5:00	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	6:30	ESPNews	6:00	Pacific Report	5:00	Jeopardy! (TV-G)
5:30	Headline News	7:00	Home Improvement (TV-PG)	6:30	CNN/SI	5:30	Headline News
6:00	Pacific Report	7:30	Ladies Man (TV-PG)	7:00	Evedrybody Loves Raymond (TV-PG)	6:00	Pacific Report
6:33	CNN/SI	8:00	PrimeTime Movie: Gattaca (TV-PG)			6:33	CNN/SI
7:00	King of the Hill (TV-PG)	10:00	Headline News	7:30	Primetime Movie: Casino	7:00	Friends (TV-PG)
7:30	That '70s Show (TV-PG)	10:30	Seinfeld (TV-14)	10:00	Pacific Report	7:30	Two Guys, a Girl & a Pizza Place (TV-PG)
8:00	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)	11:00	The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)	10:30	Tonight Showw/Leno		
9:00	Law and Order (TV-14)	11:30	Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)	11:30	Late Show w/Letterman	8:00	Frasier (TV-PG)
10:00	Pacific Report	<b>Monday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>		8:35	Spin City (TV-PG)
10:35	Tonight Showw/Leno	12:30	America's Black Forum	12:30	ESPNews	9:00	ER (TV-14)
11:35	Late Show w/Letterman	1:00	IRL Indianapolis 500 (ESPN/ABC)	1:00	Movies' til Dawn:	10:00	Pacific Report
<b>Saturday</b>		4:00	NHL Playoffs (ABC)		Submarine Command (TV-PG)	10:30	Tonight Showw/Leno
12:35	ESPNews	7:00	IRL Indianapolis 500 (ESPN2/ABC)	2:30	Movies' til Dawn:	11:30	Late Show w/Letterman
1:00	Movies' til Dawn: Alien 3 (TV-PG)	8:00	Headline News		Some Like it Hot (TV-PG)	<b>Friday</b>	
2:30	Movie' til Dawn: Alive (TV-PG)	8:30	Showbiz Today	5:00	Headline News	12:30	ESPNews
5:00	Today Show	9:00	Sesame Street	5:30	ESPNews	1:00	Movies' til Dawn:
7:00	Sesame Street Specials	10:00	Puzzle Place	6:00	Today Show		In Harm's Way (TV-PG)
7:30	Disney's PB and J Otter (TV-Y)	10:30	Kiana's Flex Appeal	6:00	Headline News	4:00	Movies' til Dawn
8:00	Sabrina: The Animated Series (TV-Y)	11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	8:30	Showbiz Today		Dear Babe
8:30	Rugrats (TV-Y)	12:00	Headline News	9:00	Sesame Street	5:00	Headline News
9:00	Pokemon (TV-Y)	12:30	Wheel of Fortune	10:00	Blues Clues	5:30	ESPNews
9:30	Goosebumps (TV-Y7)	1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	10:30	Bodyshaping	6:00	Today Show
10:00	Scientific American Frontiers (TV-PG)	1:25	Guiding Light (TV-14)	11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)	8:00	Headline News
11:00	This Old House	2:15	General Hospital (TV-14)	12:00	NBC Nightly News	8:30	Showbiz Today
11:30	California's Gold	3:00	New Adventures of Winnie the Pooh	12:30	Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)	9:00	Sesame Street
12:00	NBC Nightly News	3:30	Disney's Hercules	1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	10:00	Blues Clues
12:30	Navy/Marine Corps News	4:00	Squigglevision (TV-Y)	1:30	Guiding Light (TV-14)	10:30	Kiana's Flex Appeal
1:00	NHL Playoffs ESPN	4:30	Kenan and Kel (TV-Y)	2:00	General Hospital (TV-14)	11:00	The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
4:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	5:00	Jeopardy! (TV-G)	3:00	The Lion King's Timon & Pumba	12:00	NBC Nightly News
5:00	Entertainers	5:30	Headline News	3:30	Silver Surfer	12:30	Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
6:00	Headline News	6:00	Pacific Report	4:00	Power Rangers in Space (TV-Y7)	1:00	Port Charles (TV-14)
6:30	ESPNews	6:30	CNN/SI	4:30	One World (TV-PG)	1:30	Guiding Light (TV-14)
7:00	JAG (TV-PG)	7:00	60 Minutes	5:00	Jeopardy!	2:00	General Hospital (TV-14)
8:00	Judging Amy (TV-PG)	8:00	Touched by an Angel (TV-PG)	5:30	Headline News	3:00	Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
9:00	Dateline NBC	9:00	The Practice (TV-14)	6:00	Pacific Report	3:30	Angela Anaconda (TV-Y)
10:00	Headline News	10:00	Pacific Report	6:33	CNN/SI	4:00	Sister, Sister
10:30	ESPN News	10:35	Tonight Showw/Leno	7:00	Smart Guy (TV-PG)	4:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (TV-G)
11:00	Saturday Night Live (TV-14)	11:35	Late Show w/Letterman	7:30	Boy Meets World (TV-PG)	5:00	Jeopardy! (TV-G)
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>		8:00	Dawson's Creek (TV-14)	5:30	Headline News
12:30	Motown Live (TV-G)	12:30	ESPNews	9:00	Buffy the Vampire Slayer (TV-14)	6:00	Pacific Report
1:30	It's Showtime at the Apollo (TV-PG)	1:00	Movies' til Dawn:	10:00	Pacific Report	6:30	CNN/SI
2:30	Austin City Limits (TV-G)		Guadalcanal Diary (TV-PG)	10:30	Tonight Showw/Leno	7:00	King of the Hill (TV-PG)
3:30	Friday Night	2:30	Movies' til Dawn:	11:30	Late Show w/Letterman	7:30	That '70s Show (TV-PG)
4:30	Texas Music Cafe		Sweet Bird of Youth (TV-PG)	<b>Thursday</b>		8:00	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)
5:00	Headline News	5:00	Headline News	12:30	ESPNews	9:00	Law and Order (TV-14)
5:30	Hour of Power	5:30	ESPNews	1:00	Movies' til Dawn:	10:00	Pacific Report
6:00	Outreach of Love	6:00	Today Show		Battle Cry (TV-PG)	10:30	Tonight Showw/Leno
6:30	Coral Ridge Hour	8:00	Headline News	4:00	Biography: Gen. J. Pershing	11:30	Late Show w/Letterman
		8:30	Showbiz Today	5:00	Headline News	Find additional TV schedules and sports teams names at	
		9:00	Sesame Street	5:30	ESPNews		
				6:00	Today Show	<a href="http://www.1wakuni.usmc.mil">www.1wakuni.usmc.mil</a>	
				8:00	Headline News		

## Movies

### Sakura Theater

#### Friday

7 p.m. The Next Best Thing  
10 p.m. Frequency

#### Saturday

4 p.m. The Next Best Thing  
7 p.m. Frequency  
10 p.m. The Ninth Gate

#### Sunday

3 p.m. The Next Best Thing  
7 p.m. The Ninth Gate

#### Monday

7 p.m. Frequency

#### Tuesday

7 p.m. The Next Best Thing

#### Wednesday

7 p.m. The Ninth Gate

#### Thursday

Closed

#### The Next Best Thing (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexual content, partial nudity and language

The platonic camaraderie between Madonna and gay best friend Rupert Everett comes undone one lubricious night, the result of which is the conception of a child neither has expected. They decide to remain friends, have the baby and raise him together. Their unusual family arrangement is interrupted by a hostile custody battle after Madonna falls in love with another man.

#### Frequency (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for intense violence and disturbing images

Through a ham radio set, a homicide detective (James Caviezel) is able to establish other-worldly contact with his deceased firefighter father (Dennis Quaid). Their communication provides Caviezel with certain foreknowledge about the death of his parents. Unable to let the information go to waste, the filial son seeks to overturn the course of time by undoing their deaths.

#### The Ninth Gate (R)

Rated R for some violence and sexuality

Johnny Depp plays a rare book finder whose services are engaged by the owner of one of Europe's largest collection of demonic texts. His job: to search for two remaining volumes of a prized 16th century tome called "The Nine Gates." But unbeknownst to Depp, the books also carry a curse of misfortune or death to any and all holders that is about to plunge him into the world of the occult.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater and is subject to change. Any questions or comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

#### Iwakuni's Theaters

#### Kokusai:

April 28 - mid May  
"The Beach" - 10 a.m., 12:05 p.m.,  
2:15 p.m., 4:25 p.m.,  
6:35 p.m.,  
(Sat. only) 8:45 p.m., 10:55 p.m.

#### New

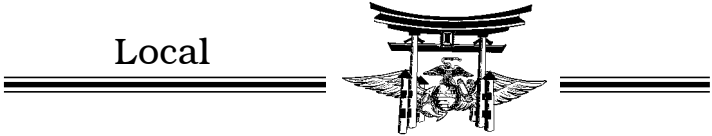
Central I:  
May 19 - June 9  
"The Bone Collector" - 10:35 a.m.,  
2:50 p.m., 7 p.m.  
"Romeo Must Die" - 12:40 p.m.,  
5:55 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:05 p.m.

#### New

Central II:  
May 19 - June 9  
No English Movies  
Central III:  
May 19-26  
"The Green Mile" - 10:50 a.m.,  
2:25 p.m., 6 p.m.  
(Sat. only) 9:25 p.m.







Medical Clinic Health Promotions Tobacco Cessation Courses

Tobacco Cessation classes will be held today, Wednesday, May 26, and June 14, 16, 21, 23. Courses are held

**Marine Corps Community Services Student Summer Hire Positions**

The following MCCS Student Summer Hire positions are available for the period June 16 through Aug. 20:

- Sales Clerk, Main Exchange (6 positions)
- Car Washer/Laborer, Service Station (1 position)
- Food Service Worker, Club Iwakuni (3 positions)
- Custodial Worker, Club Iwakuni (1 position)
- Food Service Worker, Eagle’s Nest (1 position)
- Recreation Attendant, Golf Course (1 position)
- Laborer, Auto Hobby Shop (3 positions)
- Recreation Attendant, Arts and Crafts (1 position)**
- Labor, Vending (2 positions)**
- Receptionist, MCCS Operations (1 position)**

Interested high school students age 16 and older may apply at MCCS personnel, second floor of Crossroads Mall, Monday-Friday. For more information call 253-3030. **Newly added positions are in bold.**

**MCCS Job Openings**

The Marine New Parent Support Program is a joint effort between the United States Marine Corps and Children’s Hospital, San Diego. The program currently has an opening for a program assistant in Iwakuni. The requirements are as follows: knowledge of military system/community resources, high school diploma or equivalent with some business/secretarial courses or college courses in business writing, two years of computer/word processing, increased level of responsibility of secretarial/office management, word processing, mathematics and data entry techniques, good written and oral communications skills, including grammar, punctuation, spelling, and correspondence format. Only applicants meeting the stated contract qualifications will be considered. Call 253-6553 or stop by the Community Services Building 411, Room 127 for details.

The MCAS Iwakuni Retired Activities Office (RAO) has an immediate opening for a volunteer Administrative Assistant. The RAO provides a service to the Iwakuni community of retired Marines, sailors, and their families. Through the RAO, retirees and local commanders communicate local quality of life issues and work together to provide the services and benefits to which retirees are entitled. Typical duties involve researching references, compiling information, formulating ideas, organizing files, preparing newsletters, and other similar functions. Basic administrative and customer services skills are essential. Experience in MS Office 97 and MS Publisher are helpful, and professional training is available. This position offers a flexible work schedule with no minimum hours; free child care is available. If you enjoy working with others and are interested in helping Iwakuni’s retired military community, contact the RAO Director, Mr. Ken Runyan, at 253-3571 or stop by the Community Services Building, Room 201.

in the Branch Medical Clinic conference room, 10-11 a.m. Participants must attend all four sessions. For more information call 253-3266.

**Controlling Cholesterol Course**

A Controlling Cholesterol Course will be offered Thursday and June 22, 10-11 a.m. in the Branch Medical Clinic conference room. This class will help participants understand what cholesterol is, how to reduce it and the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise. For more information call 253-3266.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. Closed meetings are held each Monday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m. All meetings are held on the second floor of Building 497. For more information call 43-4814.

Playground Enhancement Plan

The Facilities Department is in the process of preparing a Playground Enhancement Plan for all station and family housing playgrounds. A draft copy is available for review at the Library, Building 411. An open forum will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Building 658, community room. Station residents are encouraged to take a look at the plan, offer suggestions and ask questions. Representatives from Facilities Engineering, Family Housing and Safety will be on hand to discuss the plan. For more information call 253-5647.

E.D.I.S.

Education and Developmental Intervention Services, a division of the Branch Medical Clinic, will offer a free developmental screening for children up to 36 months June 14. If you have questions or concerns about your child’s speech, social, cognitive or motor development call 253-4562 to make an appointment. Appointments will be given on first come first serve basis.

Baby Playgroup

Parents and their babies up to 12 months old are invited to playgroup Fridays, 10-11 a.m. in Building 553, E.D.I.S. playroom. Today’s topics will be well-baby visits. Child care vouchers are available for siblings. For more information call 253-4562/6553.

Consignment Sales Shop

The Consignment Sales Shop, located on the second floor of the Crossroads Mall, opens Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Consignments and donations are accepted during operating hours or in the drop box after working hours. For more information call 253-4721.

Trivia Contest

In honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, the Station Library will have a trivia contest for all school age chil-

dren. Forms may be picked up at the Station Library, and must be turned in by the close of business May 31. All forms need to be verified by the parents. A winner will be drawn from all correct entries. For more information call 253-3078.

Marine Corps Community Services “Alliance”

“Alliance,” a local rock band, will perform at the SNCO Club tonight, 9 p.m.- midnight, for SNCO Club patrons only.

Federal Employment Workshop

Those seeking federal employment are encouraged to attend a Federal Employment Workshop June 7, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 216. For more information call 253-6439.

Interview Skills Workshop

Job seekers are invited to attend an Interview Skills Workshop Wednesday, 1-2:30 p.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 216. For more information call 253-6439.

Passport Information

The Legal Assistance Office reminds residents that for travel overseas or for returning to the continental United States, station residents must have a valid passport. The passport must be carried and not packed in one's household goods shipment. Births abroad must be reported to the American Embassy, Tokyo, and an application for the child's passport must be submitted. If you have an expired passport, are pending a report of birth abroad or don't possess required documents, visit the Legal Assistance Office or call 253-5591/5592.

Japanese Cultural Exchange

Youth Activities offers a free home-stay with families in and around Iwakuni for registered youth 9 to 12-year-old. Drop-off time at the Youth Center is May 27, 8:30 a.m., and pick-up time is May 29 at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 253-4769.

Local Employment Orientation

Family Member Local Employment Orientation will be held Thursday, 9-11 a.m. in the Community Services Building 411, Room 122. The orientation will answer a myriad of questions confronting Iwakuni’s local job seekers. Information presented will include local employment procedures, family member employment preference, qualifications and referral priorities. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

Play morning Canceled

Play morning is canceled for Tuesday. It will resume May 30.

Exchange Parking Limited

Due to construction, there is limited parking at the Main Exchange through Saturday.

Coupon Distribution

Those who are trying to save some money can stop by the Community Services Center to thumb through numerous grocery coupons. For more information call 253-5762.

**Chapel’s Weekly Services**

**Divine Services**

**Roman Catholic**

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
Sunday	9 a.m.	Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)

**Protestant**

Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Protestant Liturgical Service (Chapel Annex)
Sunday	10 a.m.	Church of Christ (Chapel Annex)
	10:30 a.m.	General Protestant Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
	12 p.m.	Gospel Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)

**Latter Day Saints**

Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Latter Day Saints (Chapel Annex)
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**Jewish**

Friday	6 p.m.	Jewish Shabat (Chapel Annex)
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For more information call 253-5218.  
For information on Jewish Services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the Station Chapel.



Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday		- College Level Examination Program
		- DANTES Subject Standardized Test
May 22	-	Electronics Data Processing Test
May 24	-	Defense Language Aptitude Battery
		- Defense Language Proficiency Test
May 25	-	Armed Forces Classification Test
		For more information call the Education Services Office at 253-3855.

University of Maryland

University of Maryland Term V 1999/2000 registration begins Monday and runs through June 2. Course offerings include BMGT 110, 340 and IFSM 310. Stop by Building 411 or call 253-3494 for complete details.

Re-registration

If your child is currently enrolled at M.C. Perry Elementary School and he or she will be returning to the elementary school in the fall for school year 2000-2001, you must come by the elementary school office to re-register your child.

To re-register you must visit the nurse and update the child’s health/immunization information; sign the new Publicity Permission Form; update child’s sponsor’s information.

If you have extended your tour or signed a COT, you must bring in your new orders or extension papers. You may not re-register until you have the proper papers authorizing your stay.